"YOU MUST NEVER GO OUTSIDE UNTIL YOU'RE GROWN UP."

THAT WAS THE SOLE PROMISE...

...I MADE WITH MY MOTHER.

KYU (SCRIBBLE)
KYU
FIN-ISHED!

MOMMY! LOOK, LOOK!

PATAN (SHUT)

NIKO (SMILE)

PON (PAT)

PON

HEE HEE HEE...

OOH...!

HEY, MOMMY?

CAN'T WE GO FOR JUST A LITTLE...

KURU (TURN)

THE BIRDS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN!

IT'S REALLY NICE OUTSIDE TODAY, MOMMY.

.....

MARIE...

HEY, UM, MOMMY?

CAN YOU READ ME A STORY? FROM THAT BOOK?

PA (BEAM)

SORRY!

NEVER MIND!

NIKO (SMILE)

...CER-TAINLY.

WE CAN READ IT TOGETHER.

THE OUTSIDE WORLD... THE GREAT BIG WORLD...

A WORLD I WASN'T ALLOWED INTO AS A CHILD...

WHAT KIND OF MYSTERIOUS WORLD IS THERE OUTSIDE?

ARE THERE REALLY PRINCES AND PRINCESSES, LIKE IN MY BOOK?

HOW MANY MORE NIGHTS DO I HAVE TO SLEEP BEFORE I'M GROWN-UP?

WHEN DID MOMMY GROW UP ANYWAY?

...AM I EVER
REALLY GONNA BE
A GROWN-UP?

AH!

MOMMY, I...

TOTA (PATTER)

とた TOTA

とた…!

OH, MOMMY, DON'T TAKE A NAP LIKE THAT...

NNN...

NNN...

YOU KNOW, MOMMY?

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT US.

I HEARD YOU TALKING ABOUT IT WITH DADDY BEFORE HE DIED.

I'M NOT A PRINCESS AT ALL...
OR A HUMAN BEING EITHER.

PIKI (KRIK)

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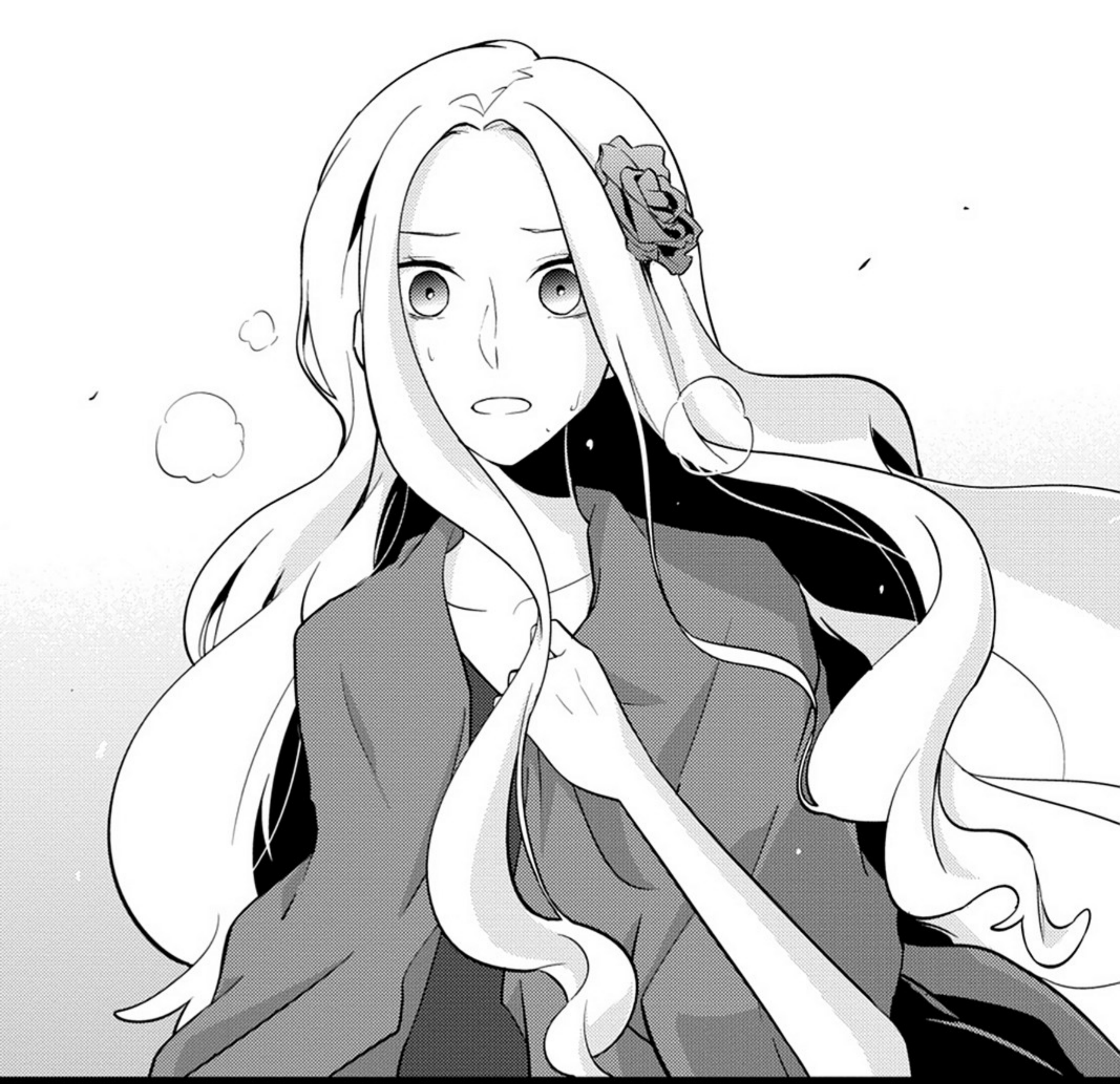


GRANDMA AND MOMMY AND ME...

...WE'RE THE "MONSTERS" IN THE FAIRY TALES, AREN'T WE?

THAT'S WHY YOU TOLD ME I CAN'T GO OUTSIDE, MOMMY.

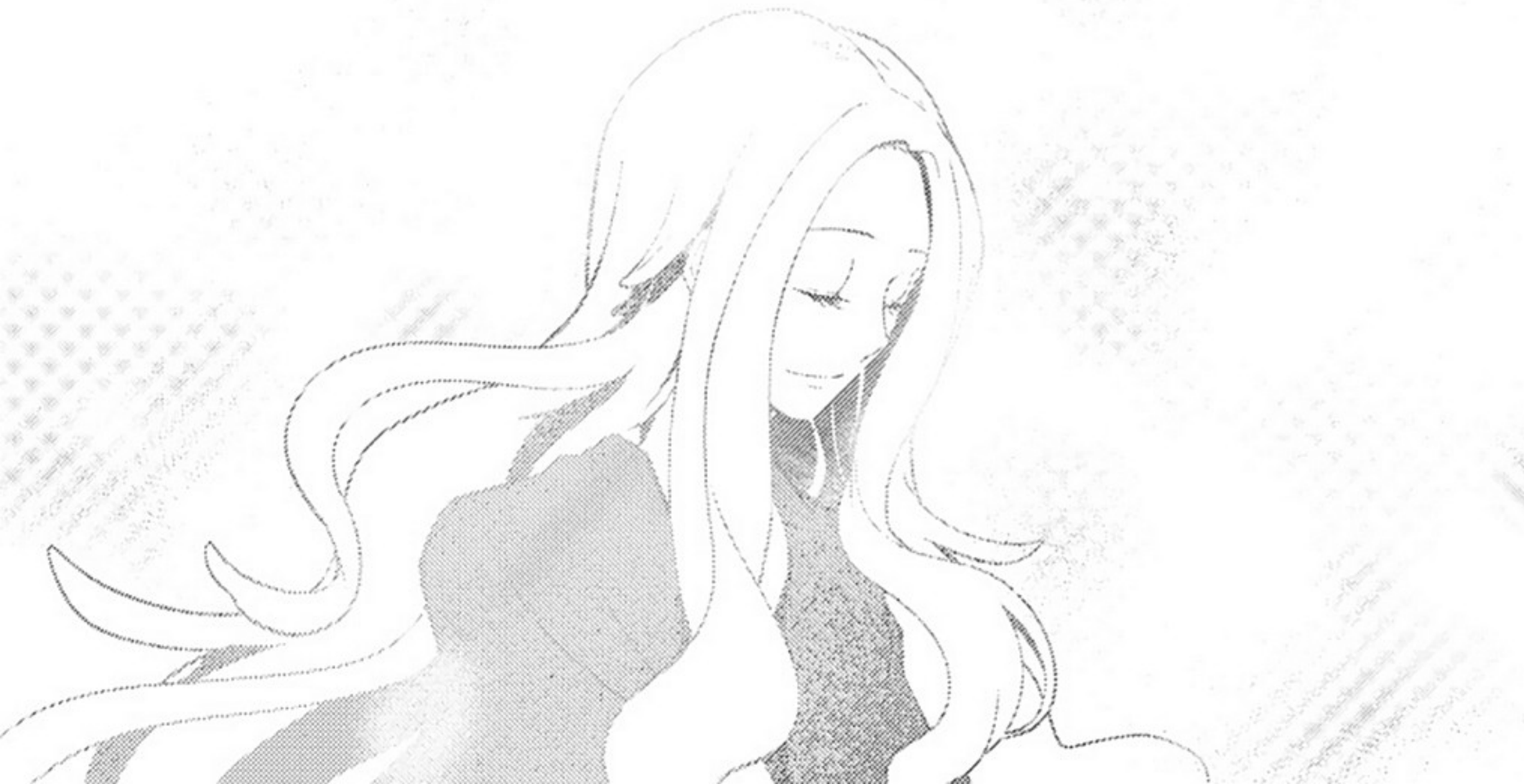
BECAUSE WE'LL BE KILLED LIKE THE MONSTERS IN MY BOOK.

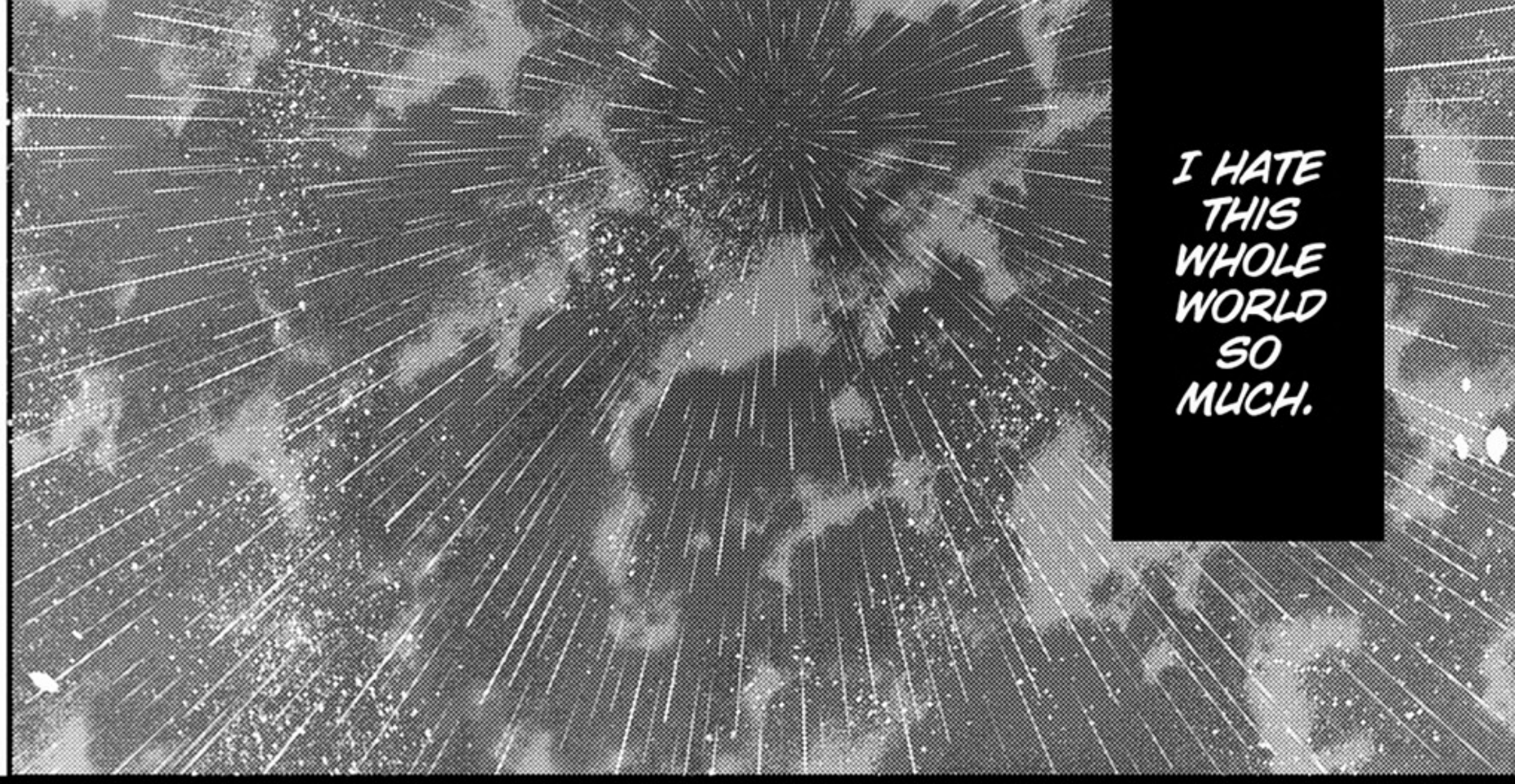
I'M SORRY THAT I BROKE MY PROMISE, MOMMY.

I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A STUPID GIRL.

JUST BEING TOGETHER WITH YOU, MOMMY...

...MADE ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD...





I WISH IT WOULD ALL GO AWAY...

JUST GO AWAY FOR GOOD...

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PACHI
(BLINK)

AH!

WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP...?

IS THAT...

...SOME-ONE'S VOICE...?

TON (KNOCK)

TON

BIKU (FLINCH)

GA (TRIP)

GATA (CLATTER)

WHY!?

NOBODY'S EVER COME HERE BEFORE TODAY...!

AH!

GASHAAAN (CRASH)

BASA (THNK)

BASA

BASA

GACHA (KCHAK)

AH!

OH NO, SOMEONE'S COMING...

OWWW...

KIIII (CREEEAK)

...ARE YOU OKAY?

SU (SSK)

THAT CRYING JUST NOW...

THAT WAS YOU, RIGHT?